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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

M.S. - Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 9, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and remarks for the examiner's consideration.